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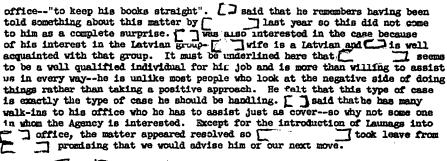
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made contact with 1. On 23 August 1966, NY/FO to set up an appointment with Friends of Refugees, to discuss the possible implementation of a recommendation made previously in the Fred Launage case. that he had made a tentative appointment for 1430 hours at coffice. 866 East 45th Street in the United Nations Plaza. would set out to try to locate him prior to meeting with 2. [] made several calls to Launage residence and spoke to Launage landlady, Mrs. Zards who confirmed that Launage was still living in her house but that he was at work. She said that as far as she know Launage was still working at the TWA Lounge at Kennedy International Airport. Unable to locate Launage, proceede to the meeting with 3. As an introduction. ______ was told that _____ had discussed this matter with ______ of the German Desk, who gave her approval to contact ______ to be the final index on whether or not the recommendation could be implemented through ______ office. In other words the final decision was to be made by _____ The Launage case and it's ramifications were passed on to _____ who was very attentive and sympathotic to the problem at hand. After hearing the problem -- the monitoring and funding of Launage through the American Friends of Refugees -agreed that it was a logical problem for his office to handle and he could see no objections to it being done through him. There was only one hurdle which [] felt had to be worked out to prevent any possibility of "blowing his cover story". [] said that we would have to work on some indirect way to bring the American Friends of Refugees organization to that he was now under the assumed name of Marcilger. [] told []
that he would check this out with [] and would advise him. [] was
to do nothing until he hears from us. [] also asked that the transfer of
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- 4. was contacted by phone from New York, after the meeting with to advise him of the progress made and to get his reaction to using anxie as the intermediary. The was pleased with the outcome but was not in favor of bringing Slavic into the Launage' picture. The said he had his reasons and would explain later.
- 5. Called Launage residence again and this time was successful in talking directly to him making a rendezvous for dinner at 6:30 FM. Dicked up Launage in front of the Modern Arts Museum on 53rd Street Database 5th and 6th Avenues. We drove to the Sea Fare Restaurant at 25 West 56th St., where we spent the next three hours chatting, drinking and dining.
- 6. The first topic of discussion with Launags was trying to determine the reason for losing his last job--at the Conde Nast House of Publications. Launags said that it was a very good job and he was well paid -- \$80.00 a week take home pay -- for making and serving coffee for the employees at this publishing house. However, he said that he had disagreements with his boss--whose orders to Launags were consistently being changed and Fred claimed he became confused and couldn't keep up with them. So, in the true Launags fashion, he argued with his boss and became very disagreeable -- hence, the management fired Fred. Launags regretted the loss of this job because he liked it very much. He also complained that there wasn't very much to do about three hours work--and he had a lot of time on his hands -- Fred is a person who has to be moving all the time and idleness provokes nervousness. What irritated Launags about this job was that the person who fired him was a woman.
- 7. Maunage didn't remain jobless very long -- he went right out to Kennedy International Airport at the International Inn and took a job on the night cleanup crew working from 11:00 FM through the night until 7:00 AM. He claimed he was quite pleased with this job too--he works with a group of 6-8 men in cleaning the lounges in the restaurants and lobbies. He earns about \$55.00 take-home pay plus a chit for breakfast when he is finished in the morning.

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- 3. Throughout the dinner Launage spoke about some of the more unfortunate aspects of his life in the USA but certainly not in desperation but rather in a philosophical way, admitting much of it as being his own fault. He "let his hair down" saying that there are few people to whom he can talk and that he enjoys our meetings. Launage was well-dressed and neat in appearance for a change—as a rule he goes about quite sporty. Launage recommended the restaurant saying that he has had dinner there before—in good times. He was very grateful for the opportunity to enjoy a "good dinner in a respectable and pleasant atmosphere" because he frankly can't afford it—cacept as a guest of _______ He was urged to order wine—if he so desired—which he did, saying that "I used to have it before". The three hours spent in this atmosphere did much to give him a bouyant feeling of importance and prestige, which of course, he saldom experiences in his every day life.
- 9. Laurage said that he has visited some of his friends in Babylon, Long Island, to see about going back to work for the General Construction Co. He met up with the man to whom he is indebted for about \$500.00 but who would accept \$200.00 to settle the account. Fred said that this man is now venturing into business himself and Fred feels that -- if he can pay off his debt -- this individual might consider accepting him into his business venture. To lift Launage morale and to follow-up on our promise--to try to help him out of his financial problems— gave Fred \$100.00 with instructions to see his friend and pay off \$100.00 or the \$200.00 debt in order to demonstrate that he has not forgotten about his debt thereby ingratiating himself. Fred promised he would see his friend as soon as possible to pay him. _____ a gave him \$20.00 to send to his daughter as his monthly contribution to ner oala ۲ expenditures at school. Launage was very grateful and appreciative for this financial 1/4 to the point of tears. Launage was encouraged and urged to try hard to control himself and his urge to argue and to keep the job he has at the International Inn. After a pleasant three hour dinner, Fred excused himself -- with no effects of the wine he had consumed -- by the way, he refused a second bottle of wine, stating that he does not want to appear for work in an inebriated condition -- and went to work at 10:00 FM. He promised to write and or to call on any change of status.
- 10. After returning to Washington, _____ received a postcard from Launage dated 4 September, indicating that he is still employed at the International Hotel at the Kennedy Airport and has recently been given a raise. He further states he has not paid off the \$100.00 to his friend but shall do so somest and thanks _____ for his kindness.

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at which time, this matter will be re-discussed.

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